



IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

CPASA invites all interested citizens to join it at the next SB 597 (Pit Water) Stakeholders' Meeting, scheduled to begin at **10:00 am**, Friday, **February 10, 2012** at the **Ardmore Convention Center**. As you know, last session the Oklahoma Legislature unanimously passed SB 597, which brought pit water under the authority of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) and required new and existing mines to monitor and manage their pit water. Now, the agency must promulgate rules implementing SB 597. To do this, the OWRB is meeting with stakeholders so that it may craft rules that both comply with SB 597's intent and protect the interests of *all* stakeholders in South-Central Oklahoma.

Regulation of pit water is vital to the sustainability of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer and the outcome of these meetings will have a real and direct impact on your ability to live, work, and play in South-Central Oklahoma. **The meeting on February 10th is the perfect opportunity to reaffirm the local communities' commitment to sustainable development of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer.** For us, and the tens of thousands of other Oklahoma citizens who depend upon the flows of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer for drinking water, economic growth, and recreation, the sustainable management of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer is not optional—it is essential.

CPASA urges you to attend the SB 597 meeting at the Ardmore Convention Center on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 10:00 am. Additionally, if you would like to receive the SB 597 Stakeholder emails—which sets up these meetings and discusses issues and agenda items—please email OWRB Executive Director J.D. Strong (jdstrong@owrb.ok.gov) and request to be added.